

gins. In large cities many patients suffering with injuries are brought to a hospital without ever having received "first aid," unless the mere act of transporting them may be considered "first aid." After such a patient reaches the hospital he does not receive "first aid," but definite treatment is instituted; and by the mere fact that the first thing done for him is done at the hospital, that first thing does not constitute "first aid." "First aid," then, may be defined as the temporary measures carried out in emergencies by any one, layman or physician, preliminary to the institution of a definite line of treatment by the physician in charge.

With this conception of "first aid," it seems clear that the taking of roentgenograms and the permanent setting and dressing of fractures is not "first aid," but definite treatment.—Journal A. M. A.

### PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Boards of commissioned medical officers will be convened to meet at the Bureau of Public Health Service, San Francisco, Cal., on Monday, October 19, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of examining candidates for admission to the grade of assistant surgeon in the Public Health Service, when applications for examination at these stations are received in the Bureau.

Candidates must be between 23 and 32 years of age, graduates of a reputable medical college, and must furnish testimonials from two responsible persons as to their professional and moral character. Service in hospitals for the insane or experience in the detection of mental diseases will be considered and credit given in the examination. Candidates must have had one year's hospital experience or two years' professional work.

Candidates must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches, nor more than 6 feet 2 inches, in height.

The following is the usual order of the examinations: 1, Physical; 2, Oral; 3, Written; 4, Clinical.

In addition to the physical examination, candidates are required to certify that they believe themselves free from any ailment which would disqualify them for service in any climate and that they will serve wherever assigned to duty.

The examinations are chiefly in writing, and begin with a short autobiography of the candidate. The remainder of the written exercise consists of examination in the various branches of medicine, surgery, and hygiene.

The oral examination includes subjects of preliminary education, history, literature, and natural sciences.

The clinical examination is conducted at a hospital.

The examination usually covers a period of about ten days.

Successful candidates will be numbered according to their attainments on examination, and will be commissioned in the same order. They will receive early appointments.

After four years' service, assistant surgeons are entitled to examination for promotion to the grade of passed assistant surgeon.

Assistant surgeons receive \$2000, passed assistant surgeons \$2400, surgeons \$3000, senior surgeons \$3500, and assistant surgeon generals \$4000 a year. When quarters are not provided, commutation at the rate of \$30. \$40 and \$50 a month, according to the grade, is allowed.

All grades receive longevity pay, 10 per cent. in addition to the regular salary for every five years up to 40 per cent. after twenty years' service.

The tenure of office is permanent. Officers traveling under orders are allowed actual expenses.

For invitation to appear before the board of examiners, address "Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Washington, D. C."

### EIGHT-HOUR LAW FOR NURSES.

At the last meeting of the Association of Superintendents and Training Schools of the Hospitals in San Francisco and Alameda counties, the motion was made and seconded that copies of the proposed universal eight-hour law be sent to Training School Superintendents in California, Alumni Associations, Association of Hospital Workers, County and Nurses' Association, and the State Medical Association, requesting them to forward their objections, and take action to defeat this proposed law.

Very truly yours,  
SARAH C. OLMSTED, R. N.,  
Secretary.

### POST GRADUATE COURSE FOR NURSES.

There is now a movement on foot at St. Luke's Hospital to inaugurate a systematic Post Graduate Course for Nurses. This course is not intended to be one by which nurses are simply instructed in the modern methods now in use in hospitals, but is intended primarily to instruct graduate nurses in the management and control of different departments, with the view of training those who take the course for the positions of Superintendents of Nurses, Dietitians, Hospital House-keepers and Superintendents of small hospitals.

Miss Amy Elizabeth Pope, for many years connected with the Presbyterian Hospital in New York, and one of the best and most widely known educators in the nursing field, has consented to institute this course, and we feel that it will be a great benefit to the nurses of California, in giving them an opportunity to fit themselves for executive work, and for assuming large responsibilities.

### TRAVEL STUDY CLUB.

The Travel Study Club of American Physicians, which made a successful study tour of Europe last year, has completed the plans for its 1915 study tour to the A. M. A. meeting in San Francisco, Honolulu, Japan, the Philippines, China, with optional return via Siberia and Europe, or via Canada. This being the first party of American physicians ever visiting the Far East and the new possessions of the United States, a most cordial welcome can be expected by authorities and members of the medical profession. The Travel Study Club would like to make its enterprise as representative as possible and asks all those interested to communicate with the secretary, Dr. Richard Kovacs, 236 East 69th street, New York.

### NEW MEMBERS.

Carico, J. W., Cloverdale.  
Behlow, Wm. Wallace, San Francisco.  
Williamson, Norman Eccles, Sacramento.  
Phillips, La Forrest E., Palo Alto.  
Leach, Chas. N., San Jose.  
Sawyer, Frank Wade, Paso Robles.  
Zaiser, Harry Edgar, Santa Ana, Cal.  
Dixon, R. E., Hanford, Cal.  
Sperry, Mary A., San Francisco.  
Herrick, A. B. Jr., Santa Rosa.  
Bixley, W. E., Sebastopol.

### DEATHS.

Gladding, Chas. F., Oakland, Cal.  
Safely, Grant (Died in Sacramento).  
Swift, S. B., Stockton.  
Freeman, Eugene Nesbit, Grafton.  
Walker, A. D., Arlington.  
Pinney, Edward (Died in Duarte, Cal.).  
Winslow, Chas. E., Monrovia.  
Huning, F. H., Ventura, Cal.  
Hazlett, I. W., San Bernardino.  
Smith, W. Gray, Oakland.  
Mason, W. M., Lodi.  
Turner, G. Burton, San Francisco.